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THE MORPHIA FIEND.

Under this very suggestive heading, a writer in the Pall Mall Gazette gives us a very graphic description of the morphia habit, which is apparently growing among the community at an alarming rate, and causing devastation to body and soul in a degree which can only be estimated and realized by those who have the misfortune to witness its effects upon the unfortunate creatures addicted to its use.

Imagine (says the writer) an instrument about the size of a pencil case, constructed somewhat after the model of a wasp's sting, and fitting into a tiny case which will go with ease in the muff, the waistcoat pocket, or the bosom of the dress. The instrument itself may be of gold, and the case may be fashioned like a jewelry scent bottle or other trinket, and hang suspended from a golden chateleine with the most lustrous air. This is the injector, and a slight puncturation of the skin with the waspish point is sufficient to enable the required quantity of the magic liquid to be discharged into the system. Nor is the term magic an exaggeration, for not more magical was the effect produced by the pills which the travelers swallowed in the cave of Monte Cristo than that which results from the injection of morphia. It must be, however, observed here that there are three distinct stages of morphia absorption, all of them brief in duration, the last one briefest of all.

During the first stage the results are purely pleasurable, they bring a draught of fresh life into faded limbs. The faculties receive a sudden stimulus, the callous sense of pleasure is sensitive once more, the vision of the world cast on the mental eye is drawn in rosy lines, the whole appreciation of things earthly is that of one who is prepared to drain the cup of life to the bottom and enjoy it to the full. The subject lives in a glamorous sense of vague happiness, her half-closed eyes reveal the state of exquisite lassitude which laps her limbs, she feels that her enemy is exertion, she is too happy to trouble about anything, all that she asks is that her friends should be happy around her even as she is happy. Her hold on eternity loosens as her desire for it decreases. "Why take thought for the morrow?" would run her new reading of the text, "Sufficient for the day is the happiness thereof."

In time, however, a change comes over the spirit of this rose-colored dream. Its continuity becomes broken by dreadful intervals of reaction, during which the victim is oppressed by all the horrors of intense melancholy and weakness, and from which relief can only be obtained by continual repetition of the process of injection. The baneful habit acquires a firmer hold by counter-irritations. It is so easy to drive away the blue devils that are making themselves apparent, to check the reaction which has begun to set in, to change the dark shadows which are clouding over the vision of life into the rainbow hues of the morning, to transform the victim of melancholy, the prospective suicide into the laughing child of pleasure whose creed is that of the half-pagan Leo X., "Let us enjoy what God has given us." So easy—but only by constant use of the fatal drug; and as the former slight injectors have lost their power, larger doses of the stimulant must be launched into the system before the desired effect can be produced.

The result, however, of the increase of the quantity injected is to develop the feeling of lassitude until in time—such a brief period!—it completely overpowers the senses, and the victim becomes practically lost to the world. She lives in a rose-colored world of her own, in which happiness reigns supreme and which she would not leave if she could; for her re-entry into the life she has forsaken can only be accomplished by passing through a period of intense mental and bodily torture. She knows that she is slowly dying, that she is slipping to extinction in a soulless, mechanical way, like a clock which inevitably runs down when its motive power is exhausted; but her appreciation of abstract ideas has become blurred; life has lost its meaning, death its terrors. Better it is, she thinks, so far as she compares her condition at all, to fade slowly and happily out of life without a thought or a care to check the last brief period of existence than to face the struggle by which alone she could be saved. Indeed, it is doubtful whether, even if she could be kept by force from the use of the stimulant, she would not feel its loss so acutely that she would die in horrible agonies almost as quickly.

By a curious perversion, therefore, of the original object, it has been reserved for modern science to bring into existence and use the dream of the ancient poets—the drug which conferred happiness unchecked and unalloyed. Were it possible, however, to analyze the mental condition of the victim during the hours of reaction, it might be possible to realize also the tortures of the damned in the mediæval hell.

The Nogales Record asserts that, under the Mexican laws, a criminal sentenced to a term of imprisonment may serve by "proxy"—that is hire a substitute to serve out the term of imprisonment.

GRASS, THE FORGIVENESS OF NATURE

Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, is well-known for his powers of combat in a war of words, so when he writes he writes sense, even though it be sentimental. The following from his pen is not only characteristic of the man, but will commend itself for the beauty of its sentiment:

"Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light and air, those three physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned the universal beneficence of grass. Lying in the sunshine among buttercups and dandelions of May, scarcely higher in intelligence than minute tenants of that mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass; and when the fatal fever is ended, and the foolish wrangle of the market and farm is closed, grass heals over the scar which our descent into the bosom of the earth made, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead.

"Grass is the forgiveness of nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass-grown like rural lanes and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal; beleaguered by solen hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impenetrable fortress of its subterranean vitality, and emerges upon the first solicitation of spring. Sown by the winds, by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outline of the world.

"It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slope and forbidding pinnacles of mountains, modifies climates, and determines the history, character, and destiny of nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfare and fold, it bids its time to return, and when vigilance is relaxed, or the dynasty has perished, it silently resumes the throne from which it has been expelled, but which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, yet should its harvest fail for a single year famine would depopulate the world."

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Optic: C. B. Eddy, the enterprising capitalist who is doing so much to develop the resources of the great Pecos valley, in this territory, passed through this morning on his way from the Pecos country to Denver. Mr. Eddy brings cheering news from the section in which he is so largely investing his capital, mainly in the construction of irrigation canals. He says that all the heavy work on the large canal has been completed, covering a length of eighteen miles, and by the first of next January he will have water on 100,000 acres of land. The town of Eddy is in a very prosperous condition, the contract has been let for constructing a \$25,000 hotel, 600,000 brick are being burned, one of the finest lime kilns in the territory is about to be fired up and there is a general air of thrift and business about the place and people. Mr. Eddy is an alert, solid looking gentleman with keen eyes and a quick, decided way of talking, and he looks like a man who could conceive and carry out successfully a big undertaking, like the one he has in hand.

Republicans: The fine fertilizing properties of the waters of the Rio Grande have long been known, but it awaited an inventive mind worthy of that of a down-east Yankee, to discover that the sediment deposited makes a first-class razor hone. A specimen of hard sediment was shown in our office one day this week which is being used as a hone with perfect success. It is absolutely gritless and leaves no wire edge. Doubtless a new industry will be inaugurated.

NEWS HUGGITS.

Various Items of News Gathered from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

Golden Nit: San Pedro has 16 general stores; 16 saloons; 4 bakeries; 2 butcher shops; 4 drug stores; 9 restaurants; hotels and lodging houses; 3 laundries; 1 soda water factory; 1 lemonade stand; 3 blacksmith shops; 2 livery stables; 3 feed stores; 1 green grocer; 1 stationer; 2 shoemakers; 1 saddlery; 1 real estate agent; 1 undertaker; 1 barber shop and bath house, 1 printing office. Then there are 3 physicians; 2 lawyers; 5 assayers; 1 typewriter copyist.

Stockman: Wm. Fleming, a colored soldier at San Carlos, was brutally murdered last Monday night near that post. His head was beaten into a jelly. Wm. Vernon and Henry Robb, also colored soldiers, have been arrested on suspicion of being the murderers. The murdered man was a quiet, inoffensive person, and a motive for the crime is not yet known.

A little book now in course of preparation, that will create considerable interest throughout New Mexico, is the one by Prof. Charles Longmear, editor and proprietor of the El Paso Bulletin, a mining paper of wide circulation and strong influence. It consists of interesting reminiscences of the writer since the advent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway this side of the Raton mountains.

Prospector: A visit to the old graveyard in which those who died in the early days of Tombstone were buried, reveals some strange peculiarities. Between 150 and 200 graves are there, a large majority of which are unmarked by any sign that would lead any one to know whether a man, woman or child lay beneath. Among those that are marked is one enclosed by a neat fence of rustic design inside of which a slab is erected on which is inscribed "Sacred to the memory of William Clanton who was murdered October 26, 1881, aged 19 years." This brings one back to the early days in Tombstone when the reign of terror existed in Cochise county. Nearly all of those buried there, are between the ages of 19 and 35 years, which is suggestive of sudden deaths by accidents or the victims of the ready revolver which in those days was a man's bible.

It will be remembered that the counties adjacent to the San Carlos reservation were greatly exercised because of the United States supreme court decided that trials of Indians devolved upon counties in which crimes were committed, and it was inferred that the costs of the trials were taxed upon the counties where such trials were had, but now we are rejoiced to know from District Attorney McCabe that the costs, notwithstanding the territories are given jurisdiction, are paid by the United States. He referred us to section 11 of the act of Congress, March 24, 1889, which provides that the costs of the trials should be audited and paid in like manner as criminal cases in the courts of the United States—Silver Bill.

Florence Enterprise: Judging from the newspaper comments upon the session laws of New Mexico, just out of press, it is inferred that they comprise a sort of legal ritual that is totally unintelligible to all but the initiated and there is no one capable of interpreting it. A key to the puzzle is greatly needed until Webster's unabridged can provide a special glossary to meet the emergency.

Bulletin: The Gila river has been unusually full of water all summer. In fact there has been so much water in it that dams at the heads of canals are almost unnecessary.

From the "History of Kansas" by J. N. Holloway the information is learned that, according to the record kept by Messrs. Hays & Co., at Council Grove, Kansas, there were engaged in the New Mexico trade in 1880 5,384 men, 2,170 wagons, 404 horses, 5,933 mules, 17,836 oxen. The wagons were loaded with 5,500 pounds each on an average, making an aggregate of 6,000 tons. The capital employed in the carrying on of this overland transportation for one season alone was not far from \$2,000,000.

Optic: Chris Wiegand has what is said to be the finest herd of Jerseys in New Mexico and he will ship the entire lot to the Albuquerque fair to compete for the prize.

Democrat: The results from the spaying of the stock in Lincoln county, where the operation has been performed to a considerable extent, has not proved satisfactory.

Nogales Herald: The Star characterizes the festa as "the coming riot." We have dropped in "just to see the tiger" at several Tucson fiestas but we can't say that we ever saw very much rioting. On the other hand we have never seen a Tucson festa opened with prayer.

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